AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Committee for examining the measures needed to check pollution from vehicles in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the names of the members of the committee and the terms of reference in respect thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Tardy dam catchment reforestation at Narmada

*151. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been concern at the Tardy Dam catchment reforestation at Narmada and if so, the corrective steps proposed in this regard; and

(b) whether Government propose to arrange a high powered meeting of various interest groups including Baba Amte to fill an amicable solution to this gigantic problem?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Action Plans for the phased catchment area treatment and the compensatory afforestation for the Sardar Sarovar Project have been drawn up. About 5400 ha. of the forest and non-forest land from the catchment area has already been treated.

(b) Shri Baba Amte was invited for discussion at Delhi on 23rd January, 1991, in the context of resettlement of project-affected persons and the measures for environmental improvement in the Narmada basin. But he turned down the invitation.

"Non-observance of environment norms by the sugar mills in U.P. and Maharashtra"

*152. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some sugar mills in U.P. and Maharashtra are not observing environment norms;

(b) whether non-observance of these norms has polluted the environment around these sugar mills;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take any action against these sugar mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) According to the available information, in Uttar Pradesh out of 105 sugar mills, 47 units have installed effiuent treatment plants (ETP's), 29 units have either partial ETP's or their ETPs are under construction, and the remaining 24 units have no ETPs. In Maharashtra, out of 95 sugar mills, 29 have installed ETPs, 2 units have partial ETP facilities and the remaiing 4 units have no ETP.

(b) The Government have received complaints about odour nuisance from persons living around sugar mills.

(c) and (d) A time bound action plan for control of pollution has been prepared in consultation with the State Governments under which polluting units are required to meet the standards by December 31, 1991.

चकमा शरणार्थियों की स्वदेश वापसी

*153. श्री बलराम सिंह यादव :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बंगलादेश में बदली हुई राजनैतिक परिस्थिति को देखते हुये, भारत में रह रहे चकमा शरणार्थियों ने स्वदेश लौटने की इच्छा व्यक्त की है ;